

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1225

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 2015

RE: S.C.R. No. 149  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 149 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO  
CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AUDIT OF COMMISSARY OPERATIONS AT OUT-OF-  
STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES CONTRACTED TO HOUSE HAWAII  
INMATES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Request the Auditor to conduct a financial audit of  
commissary operations at out-of-state correctional  
facilities contracted to house Hawaii's inmates; and
- (2) Request that the Auditor submit a report of its  
findings, recommendations, and actions to the  
Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
convening of the Regular Session of 2016.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Public Safety; Community Alliance on  
Prisons; Ho'omana Pono, LLC; Drug Policy Action Group; and three  
individuals.

Your Committee finds that commissaries at correctional  
facilities provide an opportunity for inmates to purchase goods  
for personal use, including sundries, hygiene products, and food.  
However, the prices of goods at correctional facility commissaries

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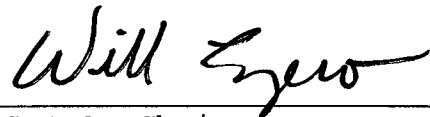


are often higher than those found in public retail stores. Hawaii inmates that have been transferred to Arizona's Saguaro Correctional Center are charged an extra four percent on all commissary orders as payment toward restitution and are charged Arizona's sales tax on all commissary purchases. A financial audit of commissary operations at out-of-state correctional facilities that are contracted to house Hawaii's inmates will determine if the markups at these commissaries are excessive.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 149, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 149, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental and Military  
Affairs,



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WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**  
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| Bill / Resolution No.:<br><b>SCR 149</b>   | Committee Referral:<br><b>PSM, WAM</b> | Date:<br><b>3-31-15</b> |                                     |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____  |  |                         |                                     |                                     |
| The Recommendation is:<br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended<br/>2312</span> <span><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments<br/>2311</span> <span><input type="checkbox"/> Hold<br/>2310</span> <span><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit<br/>2313</span> </div> |  |                         |                                     |                                     |
| <b>Members</b>   | <b>Aye</b>                             | <b>Aye (WR)</b>         | <b>Nay</b>                          | <b>Excused</b>                      |
| ESPERO, Will (C)   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    |                         |                                     |                                     |
| BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)   |  |                         |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| GALUTERIA, Brickwood   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    |                         |                                     |                                     |
| KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    |                         |                                     |                                     |
| SLOM, Sam  |  |                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
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| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>3</b>                               | <b>0</b>                | <b>1</b>                            | <b>1</b>                            |
| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted   |  |                         |                                     |                                     |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:   |  |                         |                                     |                                     |
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